

Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey

Accomack

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0088

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): WFF # M-001 - Plant Operation and
Maintenance Shops Support/Storage Building
{Current}
Property Date: 1945
Address(s): Rehor Road {Current}
County/Independent City: Accomack
Vicinity of: Chincoteague
State, Zip: Virginia 23337
USGS Quad Name: CHINCOTEAGUE WEST
Surrounding area: Rural

National Register Eligibility Status
Property is Historic (50 years or older)

Resource Description

Ownership Status: Public - Federal
Acreage: 0.5

Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:

<u>Component</u>	<u>Comp Type/Form</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Material Treatment</u>
Chimneys	Chimneys - None		
Foundation	Foundation - Slab	Concrete	Foundation - Poured
Porch	Porch - None		
Roof	Roof - Gable	Steel	Roof - Original Replaced
Structural System	Structural System - Not Visible		
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Vinyl	Windows - 1/1

Site Description: Set in a gently sloping area slightly above Rehor Road, the structure is across from the main east-west runway.

WUZIT Count:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	Industrial Storage	Historic

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: Industrial Storage

<u>Est. Date of Construction:</u>	1945 {Owner/written data}	<u>Accessed?</u>	No	Not accessible
<u>Primary Resource?</u>	Yes	<u>Number of Stories:</u>	1.0	
<u>Architectural Style:</u>	Other	<u>Condition:</u>	Good	
<u>Interior Plan Type:</u>	Other	<u>Threats to Resource:</u>	None Known	

Description: The building has a poured concrete foundation and a side gable roof with a rear shed addition. Modern corrugated metal sheathing covers the walls and the roof. Along the north (front) elevation there is a concrete walkway with a ramp that slopes down toward the west and a set of steps leading down on the east. Metal tubular posts and railings line the outside edge. The windows are all one-over-one double hung vinyl sash replacement. The south elevation of the rear addition is divided into three bays, each of which contains a sectional door. An aluminum roll top door is located just to the west of the main entrance on the north elevation, covered by a set of wood and screen double doors. Below and just to the south the gable peak on both side elevations there is a set of double doors.

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Bridge Information

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Historic Context(s): Military/Defense

Historic Time Period(s):..... S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)

Significance Statement: This long, rectangular one-story structure, built in 1945, functions as a storage building, as it did when originally built as part of the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS) and the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). The building is identified as "M-1" on the 1950 "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" prepared by the U.S. Navy in a different location that it is presently, indicating that the structure has been moved or replaced by a later structure designated M-1. The building appears in its currently location and is identified as "Inert Ordnance Stor." on the 1953 "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. It was again identified as "M-1" in its current location on the 1957 "General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by U.S. Navy. The structure is located on the south side of Rehor Road, to the south of the major east-west runway, in the northwestern section of the Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) main base.

This building is an example of a secondary industrial property type that gained importance in the New Dominion (1941-present) period and was one of several structures built on CNAAS following the end of World War II. Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily-research based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station.

The Plant Operation and Maintenance Shops Support/Storage Building has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C or D.

The resource is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D. It is not associated with any event or individual significant at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have any archaeological potential..

The resource has lost its integrity due to alterations to the resource and its setting. The resource's integrity of materials, design, and workmanship has been adversely affected by additions, the replacement of the structure's doors and windows, and the introduction of modern corrugated metal panels that cover the walls and roof. It is possible that the structure has also been moved, which would have a negative impact its integrity of location. The structure's integrity of setting, feeling and association has also been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004 the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the structure's historic context.

Bibliographic Documentation

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Reference #: 1

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: Giffels and Valet

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

Reference #: 2

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1950.

Reference #: 3

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

Ownership Information

Graphic Media Documentation

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Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

CRM Event # 1,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2004/07/99

Organization or Person: URS Group

VDHR Project ID # Associated with Event: .. 2003-0571

CRM Event Notes or Comments: 200 Orchard Ridge Drive, Suite 101
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

CRM Event # 2,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2003/08/08

Organization or Person: URS Group

VDHR Project ID # Associated with Event: .. 2003-0571

CRM Event Notes or Comments: 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700
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